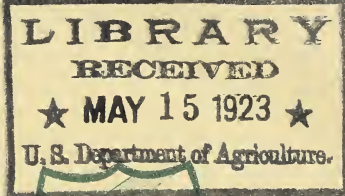


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Choice

Garden Roses

SPRING 1923

William B. Duckham

MADISON
NEW JERSEY



A well planned Rose Garden,—Varieties carefully chosen, and limited in number.

INTRODUCTION



HE name Duckham is not new to American flower lovers—in fact it has for many years carried an enviable reputation in connection with Rose Culture and has time and again been honored with the blue ribbon at competitive exhibits all over the United States. Many of the leaders in this noble race of flowers have been popularised by careful culture and patient watchfulness by experts at our huge Madison Greenhouses and Trial Grounds.

There are thousands of successful Rose enthusiasts to-day who proudly attribute the enjoyment of their Roses (particularly garden varieties) to the good judgment, reliable advice, and sturdy plants purchased from me.

It is not my object to confuse my readers with a long list of names that make an intelligent choice difficult; on the contrary I offer a carefully chosen few that years of trial have convinced me are all vigorous hardy kinds and most desirable for the average American garden.

The numerous unsolicited testimonials that incessantly come to me through the mail are ample proof to me, that my endeavors to select and grow only the best roses, have been thoroughly appreciated by those who have tried them. (*See inside back cover*).

The stock that I am offering for this season (owing to a favorable growing year in 1922) is better, I think, than I have ever before sent out, by which I hope to considerably increase my already long list of well-pleased customers.

WILLIAM C. DUCKHAM,
Madison, N. J.

January 1923.



ONE OF MY ROSE FIELDS IN FULL BLOOM

Business Terms

TO INSURE early deliveries of roses, and to avoid disappointments, it is necessary to order early.

SHIPMENT will be made by American Railway Express, unless advised otherwise.

TERMS:—Cash, or satisfactory references must accompany all orders from unknown parties.

I GUARANTEE my stock to be extra strong and vigorous, but assume no responsibility after shipment has been made.

In the event that I should be out of any variety ordered, will substitute the nearest variety of equally good stock and similar in color, unless order is marked "No substitution."

PRICES

All roses listed in this catalogue, unless otherwise noted, are 75 cents each; \$8.50 a dozen; \$65 per hundred.

Note.—H. P. = Hybrid Perpetual; H. T. = Hybrid Tea

Planting and Pruning Roses

Planting To be successful in growing roses, next to securing good stock, is the preparation of the soil. I would advise having the beds or ground where the roses are to be planted thoroughly prepared well in advance of planting time. The preparation of the soil is a simple operation by digging a foot or eighteen inches deep, thoroughly mixing in at the time of digging, plenty of well rotted manure. The addition of a little ground bone will be found beneficial. After the hole is dug, it is advisable to repeat the operation, for then you are sure that the manure is thoroughly mixed with the soil. Immediately upon receipt of your rose plants unpack them in a cool and shady place, sprinkling them with water. If your beds have previously been prepared the sooner the roses are planted in their permanent positions the better. If, however, this has not already been done it is advisable to "heel in" the rose bushes temporarily until they can be placed in their permanent positions. In planting care should be exercised to make the hole larger than the root-diameter. Fill in with rather fine soil about the roots, using great care to make the soil very firm about them. After planting, thoroughly soak the soil with water to depth that it has been dug. Should the season be any way dry give thorough soakings at least once a week. After the roses are growing well a mulch consisting of straw-manure or decayed leaves over the ground prevents them from drying out too rapidly and keeps the soil in a much better and humid condition.

Pruning Next in importance to the selection of locality, and the careful preparation of the ground is the pruning of roses; in fact I consider pruning exceedingly important, because without it, you can never get vigorous growth and large blooms.

Visit the garden of any successful amateur rose grower during the latter end of February or early March and note the appearance of the bushes. If it should be a new planting of 2-year bushes, the pruned stubs will be scarcely discernible peeping over the litter of manure covering the bed. Older bushes will have all the old wood cut away and the previous year's green growths cut back to within 2 or 3 eyes of the hard wood. Such an inspection will teach more than I can put in pages, and a few minutes talk with the owner or gardener will indelibly impress upon your mind the object and importance of pruning. Most amateurs are afraid to use the knife or shears vigorously, and many of the fairer sex class an expert operator among criminals.

A conception of the principle of pruning may be gathered by comparing the sap in a rose shoot to a slowly moving river; it continues its tranquil course along the lines of least resistance. Cutting this shoot or damming the river creates an accumulation of energy at that point that eventually overflows with extraordinary force, bursting forth into as many shoots or rivulets as are necessary to carry off this surplus sap or water. Hence we get 3 or 4 vigorous growths, each carrying a flower on a long strong stem, from the sap that would otherwise have wasted its energy in nourishing an old worn out shoot. Pruning should be done in February or early March. Cut away all old wood (always particularly noticeable in the Rambler class), shorten all the young growths to from 2 to 3 eyes. Don't be as severe with those of vigorous constitution as those of more stunted growth. By careful observation and a little practice you will soon become an adept at getting the best out of your roses.



COLUMBIA

General List of Garden Roses

Caroline Testout (H. T.)

Rich rose pink, with amber and pink center. An extremely abundant bloomer.

American Legion (H. T.)

Bright Cerise Red. Strong growing variety with large full flowers. Very free. Price each, \$1.00.

Columbia (H. T.)

Probably no rose ever earned such immediate and world-wide popularity as this grand recent introduction. The flowers are a beautiful rich pink that endures with age—extremely vigorous grower and profuse bloomer. Ideal for garden or cutting.

For prices of all roses listed, see page 2



DUCHESS OF WELLINGTON

Crusader (H. T.)

Rich crimson scarlet. Flowers large and full. A very desirable bedding rose.

Duchess of Wellington (H. T.)

Large oblong buds, opening into full well-formed flowers, of a rich orange yellow color shaded to a deeper flame color. Vigorous habit. Undoubtedly one of the best garden roses in the yellow class.

Frau Karl Druschki (H. T.)

Unquestionably the finest white rose in existence. The blooms are extremely large, beautifully formed and borne in abundance. Very vigorous.

Francis Scott Key

A wonderful color, a perfect bloom; a *real* garden rose. The color is a rich brilliant scarlet; the blooms are large and produced in uninterrupted succession throughout the summer and fall. Deliciously perfumed.



LADY ALICE STANLEY

itself to death, commencing in June and reluctantly quits when a severe frost puts it to sleep for the winter. The flowers are a rich crimson-scarlet, full formed, on strong stems; a great bedding rose.

Jonkeer J. L. Mock (H. T.)

A very distinct, long, full-formed bud that slowly opens into a huge flower showing a deep rich pink in the interior and silvery rose on the outside. Is at its best in late summer.

Kaiserin A. Victoria (H. T.)

A well known old garden rose, often called "WHITE LA FRANCE" and still classed with the best. Flowers are soft creamy white, large and full and borne in abundance all summer.

Madame Edouard Herriot (Pernetiana)

Known as the "Daily Mail Rose," having received this publication's award of \$10,000 in England. The color is an extraordinary blending of shrimp-pink, yellow, coral-red and scarlet. The buds are not overlarge but produced in great quantities, borne well above its clean glossy foliage. A wonderful rose and very hardy. Each \$1.00

Frank W.

Dunlop (H. T.)

A new pink rose with well shaped bud, borne on good stout stems; a very free and vigorous grower adapted to outdoor planting. Blooms profusely and is delightfully fragrant.

Golden

Ophelia (H. T.)

The same character and form as Ophelia, but with a deep suffusion of gold throughout the petals. Extremely handsome.

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Teplitz (H. T.)

This has long since been named "the red garden rose." It simply blooms

George Arends**(H. P.)**

Flowers of a delightful pink shade, borne on long strong stems. An ideal variety for cutting.

George Dickson**(H. T.)**

Rich deep velvety-crimson, shading to deep maroon. Does not "burn" as most of this color do, from extreme heat and drought. The blooms are borne in great numbers, all well-formed and deliciously fragrant.

Lady Ashtown**(H. T.)**

Large globular blooms of a delightful shade of orange and pale pink. Vigorous habit; gives an abundance of flowers throughout the entire summer.

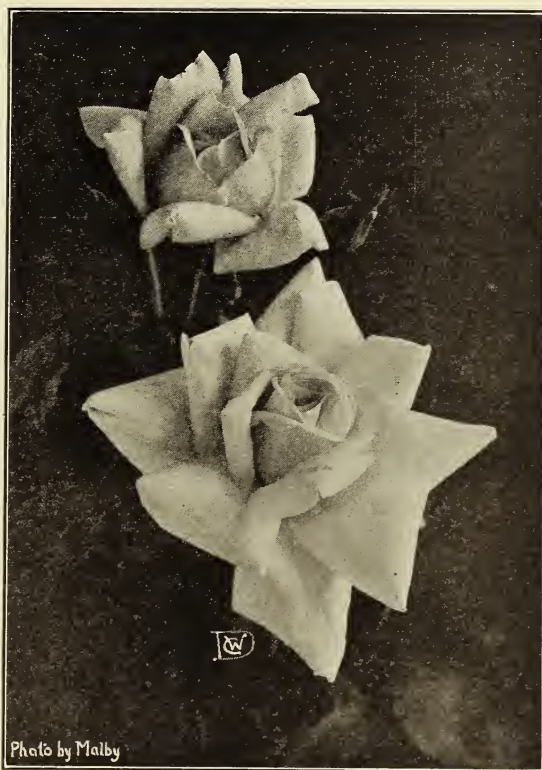


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LOS ANGELES

Lady Alice Stanley (H. T.)

Large, full, very fragrant blooms borne on strong upright stems. The color is a pleasing combination of soft salmon-pink, coral-red and orange. An uncommonly handsome rose.

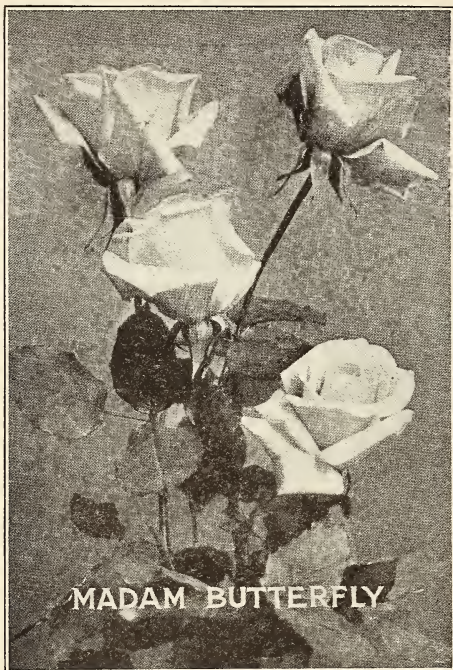
Lady Hillingdon (Tea)

A tea rose of such exceptional beauty that it is invariably included in every mixed Rose Garden. The color is a deep apricot orange equally good in the bud or matured bloom. Its deliciously perfumed flowers are produced in great abundance.

Los Angeles (H. T.)

The sensational rose of the past decade. The color is an odd but delightful combination of orange, coral-pink and flame shades. The buds are oblong and pointed, unfolding to an immense size, revealing all the wonderful shades. It has a delicious perfume and is a profuse bloomer throughout the year. A rose garden is incomplete without it. **Each \$1.00**

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Madame Butterfly

(H. T.)

A very fine rose very similar in shape and habit to Ophelia. Color is salmon-pink richly suffused with yellow.

Mrs. Aaron Ward

(H. T.)

An old rose still classed among the better garden varieties. The color is rich yellow flushed with salmon pink; the buds are oblong and pointed, opening into very full well-shaped blooms and produced in great quantities, all summer and autumn. By all means include this one.

Mrs. Charles Russell (H. T.)

One of the most popular roses of the present day. Color is a rich rosy carmine. Large globular flowers borne in great quantities.

Ophelia (H. T.)

A rose that caused quite a sensation when introduced, earning a reputation that it still upholds. The color is salmon-pink toning to orange-yellow at the base. Buds are pointed and blooms very full. It never fails to provide its share of cut flowers from your garden throughout the year.

Pilgrim (H. T.)

Bright rose pink. The bud opens perfectly, is long and of beautiful form; of good substance, with a pronounced "tea" perfume. Long stems and very free blooming habit.

Premier (H. T.)

Another rose of recent introduction that made quite a hit. It is considered the best self-pink rose to-day. The color is pure rose-pink; the blooms are large and oblong, borne on long, thornless stems. A cut-flower variety of exceptional merit.

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OPHELIA

Red Columbia (H. T.)

Has the same habit as Columbia, the color being a rich crimson scarlet. A strong grower and profuse bloomer.

Red Radiance (H. T.)

A rose of vigorous habit and profuse bloomer. In color it is a deep rich crimson-scarlet; the blooms are very large and produced in great quantities until late autumn. An excellent garden rose.

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SUNBURST

Sunburst (H. T.)

Another rose in the yellow class of real merit. The blooms are full and globular and when fully open reveal a glorious blending of rich yellow and burnt orange. Good flowers may be gathered well into the fall. A vigorous grower and exceptionally profuse bloomer.

White Killarney (H. T.)

There are few white roses that surpass this, hence its inclusion in almost every garden collection. The flowers are pointed, of the purest white, borne in immense numbers all summer long. A general favorite everywhere.

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DOROTHY PERKINS

THE ease with which Rambler Roses can be trained in almost any desired shape make them the ideal climbers for arbor, trellis, fence or porch.

Their usefulness is unlimited in the effective way by which unsightly buildings and service yards may be screened, while fences and walls can be made picturesque by their judicious use. Frequent trimming and tying-in of the new growths will help to preserve their neat appearance.

When in bloom there is nothing to equal the wonderful display of color and such a variety of color as the Rambler Roses present; and even when they have finished blooming their glossy green foliage is quite as effective as the best evergreen or deciduous shrub one could select.

I am herewith listing 5 of the best varieties all hardy and vigorous kinds in 5 distinct colors.

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*What more beautiful screen
for objectionable buildings or
service yard than Climbing
Roses*

photo by Mauby

Climbing Roses

Dorothy Perkins

Known from the humble cottage arbor to the mansion pergola. A vigorous climber, producing its large sprays of pink flowers in great quantities, literally smothering itself under the solid pink blanket of bloom. Always the first choice in pink climbers.

Excelsa

A crimson Rambler that I consider better and offer instead of the old Crimson Rambler. The flowers are double, brilliant crimson-scarlet, borne in great profusion. Has distinct glossy foliage and is practically mildew-proof.

Paul's Scarlet Climber

Differing from the former, the blooms of this variety are semi-double, but much larger in size and are a rich scarlet-crimson color, that does not fade with age; they are produced in great quantities and for brilliancy a Paul's Climber in full bloom has no equal. Each \$1.50

White Dorothy

Similar in character in every way to Dorothy Perkins, but the color is creamy white, and makes an ideal companion to the former.

Yellow Rambler

Has the same habit as the Dorothy Perkins class, the color being a clear golden yellow, shading with age to a lighter tone. Very vigorous and a good bloomer.

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READ WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT MY ROSES
ALL THESE LETTERS RECEIVED WITHOUT SOLICITATION

East Orange, N. J.

"Received the rose bushes today, all in fine shape, and I want to thank you for the promptness in which you answered my letter. My neighbor is well pleased also for your kindness in replacing her roses. I consider you an up-to-the-minute business man and shall always speak in highest terms of your excellent way of handling business and the kind gentlemanly manner in which you treat your customers.

"Hoping you will attain the highest pinnacle of success and my best wishes go with you."

Butler, N. J.

"Last year, I bought some of your rose bushes, and had excellent success with them, they being the admiration of several of my neighbors, and I am anxious to get some more bushes this year.

"If I should come to Madison next week or the week after, could I get five or six dozen bushes? I should like to get some more for myself as well as for my neighbors. Kindly advise me promptly."

Chicago, Ill.

"The roses have arrived and I want to thank you for them and the quick response to my letter.

"They look so fine and healthy, I feel sure they must grow. I shall be glad and shall take pains to speak a good word for the firm to my garden friends on all occasions."

Yorkers, N. Y.

"Several months ago, you shipped me to San Juan, Porto Rico, one dozen rose bushes. It may interest you to know that the plants on arriving at San Juan had sprouted, were put into the ground at once, and in exactly three weeks, there were buds on some of them. All were doing nicely when I left there two weeks ago."

Riverside, Conn.

"I got eighteen roses from you last spring, and I wish to say that I have never received so excellent a lot. Every bush was vigorous, bloomed through the summer, and is now in splendid shape."

Scranton, Pa.

"Your two shipments of roses were received in fine shape, and am very much pleased with the stock."

Woodbury, N. J.

"I want to thank you for your square deal and surely will not forget your firm if any of my friends or myself want bushes in the future."

Tamersville, N. Y.

"I have greatly enjoyed the Mme. Butterfly roses which you advised me to buy at the Flower Show in New York last spring. They are superb plants and I should like to secure fifty equally fine specimens for spring planting."

Brooklyn, N. Y.

"The roses I bought from you last spring were wonderful. They all bloomed until cold weather, this being the first time I had the luck to have roses bloom the same year as planted."

Brooklyn, N. Y.

"I was at the Flower Show at Grand Central Palace this week and received a Booklet about roses.

"If you issue a general catalogue on roses I would be pleased to have one as your prices are very reasonable, and your stock which I have seen very sturdy."

